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SUBJ: SATELLITE EARTH STATION FOR BURMA

REF: RANGOON 1523

1. GUB POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (PTC) HAS INVITED PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDARD B EARTH STATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS. IN ADDITION TO THE EARTH STATION, THE SPECIFICATIONS CALL FOR SYSTEM ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR MICROWAVE BACK-HAUL LINK, INTERNATIONAL TELE-PHONE EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL TELEX EXCHANGE. THE EARTH STATION IS TO BE CONSIDERED PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICA-TIONS SYSTEM PROPERLY INTEGRATED WITHIN THE INTELSAT SYSTEM AND CLOSE COORDINATION WITH INTELSAT IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATION INTO THE INTELSAT SYSTEM. THE STATION IS TO BE OPERATIONAL BEFORE THE END OF 1978.

2. THIS PROJECT COMES AS SOMEWHAT OF A SURPRISE AS GUB DEVS90-MENT PLANS DO NOT CALL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN EARTH STATION UNTIL 1980-81. PTC OFFICIAL REFUSED TO GO INTO DETAILS REGARDING THE PROPOSAL AND WOULD NOT INDICATE HOW IT IS TO BE FINANCED. HOWEVER IN VIEW OF THE RELATIVELY SMALL COST (PTC OFFICIALS ESTIMATE ABOUT $1 MILLION, AND 18 MONTHS AGO GT&E INTER-NATIONAL SYSTEMS QUOTED THEM A FIGURE OF $600,000 FOR AN INSTALLED 31.7 DB/K STATION), IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PTC
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CAN FUND THE PROJECT ITSELF. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS CLAIMED THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY GUB PLAN TO JOIN INTELSAT.

3. NEVERTHELESS, BURMA DOES SEEM INTENT ON GOING AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT, AND THIS SHOULD OFFER A GOOD COMMERCIAL PROSPECT FOR U.S. FIRMS WITH CAPABILITY IN THIS FIELD.

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PTC HAS INVITED PROPOSALS FROM THE FOLLOWING U.S. FIRMS:

1) E. SYSTEMS
GARLAND DIVISION
P.O. BOX 6118
DALLAS, TEXAS 75222

2) COMTECH LABORATORIES, INC.
135 ENGINEERS ROAD
SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK 11787

3) GT & E INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS
140 FIRST AVENUE
WALTHAM, MASS. 02154

4) ITT SPACE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
69 SPRING STREET
RAMSEY, NEW JERSEY 07446

5) HARRIS CORPORATION
SATELLITE CORPORATIONS OPERATIONS
P.O. BOX 1700
MELBOURNE, FLA. 32901

4. OTHER U.S. FIRMS IN THE FIELD SHOULD ALSO BE NOTIFIED OF
THIS OPPORTUNITY. IN ADDITION, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT
THE COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CORPORATION BE INFORMED OF THIS
DEVELOPMENT.
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